

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 17, 2011

Anne S. Ferro, Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Ferro,

The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) recently released a 30-day request for public comment on a series of transportation issues directly related to production agriculture and the movement of commodities. We request additional time to allow producers and organizations the opportunity to fully understand the potential impacts of the issues involved and to provide thoughtful and constructive comments to the agency.

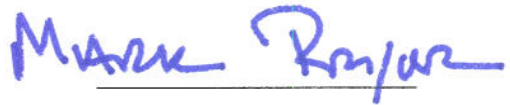
The transportation of agricultural products is of high value to the American public. The availability of high quality, nutritious food, that is delivered in a safe and efficient way is worthy of unique and thoughtful consideration. We are concerned that the current 30-day comment period may not provide producers, many of whom have significant planting and harvesting responsibilities this time of year, adequate time to review and contemplate the likely impacts on their operations.

In order to ensure a well-informed process, we respectfully ask that you consider a 90-day period to allow impacted individuals and industries the opportunity for input.

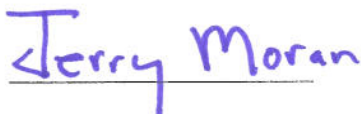
Sincerely,



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